

**Title 10: COMMERCE AND TRADE**  
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**SERVICES MATCHING FUND PROGRAM**

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**§1461. TITLE**

This chapter shall be known as the "Regional Ride Share Services Matching Fund Program." [1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).

**§1462. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE**

The Legislature finds and declares that it is in the public interest to encourage ride share arrangements as an energy conservation measure and as a contingency plan to combat the continuing threats of prolonged shortages or rationing of gasoline. [1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

The Legislature further finds that there is a need to promote the ride share concept among Maine businesses and industries, as well as to the general public. [1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

The Legislature also finds that establishment of regional ride share programs which serve the general public and business community of a particular area is an effective means of accomplishing ride share promotion and providing ride share matching and van pool formation assistance. [1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

The Legislature finds it in the public interest to establish a fund drawn from the General Fund from which such entities as local or county government, civic, nonprofit, planning service or community organizations may receive financial assistance for the purpose of implementing a regional ride share service. No funds may be received by an eligible party as described in this section which cannot provide at least 50% of the necessary funds for its ride share project. [1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).

**§1463. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings. [1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Regional ride share service.** "Regional ride share service" may include, but is not necessarily limited to, such commuter ride share matching activities as van pool financing and formation assistance, ride share promotion, creation of area ride share task forces, provisions of community ride share incentives, such as park and pool lots, preferential or reduced fare parking for pools on an area-wide basis.

[ 1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW) .]

**2. Ride share arrangements.** "Ride share arrangements" include, but are not necessarily limited to, car pools, van pools, bus pools and increased use of public transportation services. These arrangements may be sponsored by individuals, individual groups, private employers, ride share businesses or programs, civic, service, municipal, county or regional organizations, neighborhood cooperatives, nonprofit corporations and other similar entities.

[ 1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).

## §1464. REGIONAL RIDE SHARE SERVICES MATCHING FUND PROGRAM

There is established, to carry out the purposes of this chapter, a Regional Ride Share Services Matching Fund Program to be administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development. [ 1989, c. 501, Pt. DD, §25 (AMD).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW). 1989, c. 501, §DD25 (AMD).

## §1465. ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

The local entity or organization applying for assistance may be eligible for funding of no more than 50% of the cost of its proposed regional ride share project. [1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

The director shall, in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, develop rules and regulations for the allocation and disbursement of funds provided by this chapter. These rules and regulations include, but are not limited to: [1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Disbursement of funds.** Provisions for disbursement of funds to eligible parties which endeavor to design and implement regional ride share services;

[ 1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW) .]

**2. Advice.** Provisions for seeking advice from members of communities where proposed regional ride share programs would be implemented;

[ 1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW) .]

**3. Use of funds.** Provisions governing specific uses of state funds by eligible parties and an appropriate time frame for disbursement of the funds; or

[ 1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW) .]

**4. Funds; reductions.** Provisions regarding pro rata reductions in the percentage of funds disbursed as disbursement proceeds.

[ 1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).

## §1466. LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

The director shall evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of this chapter and prepare a report for submission to the first regular session of the 111th Legislature. This report shall include, but not be limited to: [1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Number and nature of projects.** The number and nature of projects funded;

[ 1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW) . ]

**2. Cost.** The cost of these projects;

[ 1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW) . ]

**3. Effectiveness.** The effectiveness of each project in quantified terms;

[ 1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW) . ]

**4. Amount of energy conservation.** The estimated amount of energy conservation by each project; and

[ 1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW) . ]

**5. Recommendations.** Recommendations regarding continuation of this chapter.

[ 1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW) . ]

### SECTION HISTORY

1981, c. 499, §1 (NEW).

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